

The First Annual Howard County Environmental Sustainability Summit

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Going Green at HCPSS

Setting the Stage- Education

- Defining "Green" and understanding the true cost
- Spreading understanding to all 50,000+ students and staff

Walking the Talk- Investments

- Energy performance contracts (EPC)
- LEED certification (Northfield ES)
- Procurement of green products

The Challenge- Changing the Culture

- Elementary Science Office has partnered w/HC Conservancy, Master Gardeners and Recreation and Parks to support MAEOE Green Schools Program
- Involving school community in broad range of sustainability aspects including; reduction of energy use; outdoor learning and recycling
- Changing the way we live.... In an austere economic environment



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Recycling

- 1000+ tons in 2007-8, best in Baltimore region
- Collaborating w/Bureau of Environmental Services

Energy conservation measures

- >\$600K guaranteed annual savings from EPC involving 13 schools
- Retro commissioning, installation of energy management systems with energy efficient equipment, and portable classroom controls

Green Construction

- Northfield ES is on target for LEED Silver certification, first geothermal system
- White roofs

Other

- Potential reduction in solid waste stream >30 tons by switching to exclusively green floor products
- Collaborating w/Bureau of Environmental Services in creating bio retention facilities; creating outdoor learning habitats



Burleigh Manor Middle School Environmental Site Design (Bioretention Facility)

A bioretention facility was designed and constructed by Howard County in order to treat the storm runoff from the back parking lot of the school. The 7th grade science students were made "project partners" - they learned about stormwater management, they helped with landscape design and with the actual planting, and they continue to perform routine maintenance.

\$79,000 Project Costs:

Project Funding Source:
Howard County Dept of Public Works

Project Funded: Project Completed: 2006 2006 Project Size: 5,000 sq. ft.

> Prior To Construction (Above photograph)

Immediately After Planting (Left photograph)

Two Years After Project Completion (Right photograph)



Maryland Green School Awards Program

"A holistic, integrated approach to learning that incorporates local environmental issue investigation and professional development with environmental best management practices and community stewardship."

- Clarksville Elementary School: 1999
- Dunloggin Middle School: 2007
- Glenwood Middle School: 2001
- Hammond Elementary School: 2005
- Hammond Middle School: 2002, 2006
- Lime Kiln Middle School: 2008
- Reservoir High School: 2007
- River Hill High School: 2008
- Triadelphia Ridge Elementary School: 2002, 2007
- Waterloo Elementary School: 1999
- West Friendship Elementary School: 2007





Speakers

- Ned Tillman, Chair, Env. Sustainability Board
- Josh Feldmark, Office of Env. Sustainability
- Liz Bobo, Maryland House of Delegates
- Jim Caldwell, CivicUs Business Community
- Ken Roey, HC Public School System
- Lynn Coleman, Howard Community College
- Maura Rossman, Health Department
- Kathy Zimmerman, HCEDA Agriculture
- Ken Ulman, County Executive